

March 5, 1960

**Pope A. Duncan Gets
Switzerland Study**

WAKE FOREST, N. C.--(BP)--Pope A. Duncan, professor of church history of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, has been awarded a \$4,000 fellowship by the American Association of Theological Schools for the year 1960-61.

This scholarship will make it possible for Duncan to use his sabbatical year for study at the University of Zurich, Switzerland, under the tutelage of Fritz Blanke, leading Reformation historian. Duncan also expects to attend special seminars with Professor Karl Barth at Basel, Switzerland.

Duncan will be accompanied by his wife and three daughters. They expect to sail from New York on May 16.

-30-

**G. Avery Lee Chosen
Chairman Of Agency**

(3-5-60)

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Pastors from Louisiana and Florida and a professor from Vanderbilt University here are officers of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention for the coming year.

The commission elected G. Avery Lee, pastor, First Baptist Church, Ruston, La., as chairman succeeding Adiel J. Moncrief of St. Joseph, Mo. Daniel R. Grant, Vanderbilt professor of political science and a layman member, is vice chairman.

R. B. Culbreth, pastor, Miami Springs Baptist Church, Miami Springs, Fla., is recording secretary.

-30-

**Mobile College May
Be Going In Year**

(3-5-60)

MOBILE, Ala.--(BP)--The first building for a college in the Mobile area will be under construction sometime within the next year.

This hope was expressed in a joint meeting of the state steering committee and the Mobile campaign committee here. Chairman of the state committee is William K. Weaver, pastor, First Baptist Church, Sylacauga, Ala., who also serves as chairman of the state executive board for Alabama Baptists.

T. T. Martin, Mobile, Vice-president of Gulf, Mobile & Ohio Railroad Co., and a Baptist layman, is chairman of the Mobile committee.

The local committee will be formed into a corporation to receive all types of gifts for the proposed college. Basic plans were made at the meeting to set up a fund-raising campaign to net \$1½ million, in the Mobile area.

The committee looked at a number of suggested sites for the college but no final choice was made.

Reviewing the meeting, Weaver stated: "After the meeting with the Mobile group, it is my feeling that this college will soon be a reality and will prove to be a tremendous addition to our program of christian education for Alabama Baptists.

-30-

Arkansas Paper Backs
Cooperative Program

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.--(BP)--Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine here called editorially this week for Southern Baptists to strengthen the Cooperative Program by channeling through it all mission monies for regular world mission causes.

Editor Erwin L. McDonald quoted figures recently released by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention showing mission funds distributed through the Cooperative Program had declined from 70.34 per cent in 1945 to 62.24 per cent for 1959, with designated missions gifts for the same period rising from 29.66 per cent to 37.76 per cent.

McDonald pointed out that he was not calling for complete abandonment of special offerings and designated gifts. Such support will always be needed, he said, but special offerings should be resorted to only in emergencies and not on a regular year-by-year basis for needs which can best be supported through the Cooperative Program.

Fullest support of Southern Baptist world missions through the Cooperative Program will not come with the mere passing of time, McDonald said, adding: "To bring this about will require the united hearts, minds, and souls of Southern Baptists. We need all the compassion, wisdom, and courage which with God's help we can have, in the realm of our stewardship."

-30-

Seattle Mission Sites
Picked For Purchase

(3-5-60)

SEATTLE, Wash.--(BP)--Twelve areas for Southern Baptist missions in Seattle, Wash., were picked for purchase this year in the denomination's "big cities" program. Seven of the sites will be secured immediately for an expenditure of approximately \$66,000.

The work of survey and recommendation was done by a committee of Southern Baptist Home Mission Board personnel and leaders from the Oregon-Washington convention and Seattle Baptists.

"This will do more for Southern Baptist work in the Northwest than any other one thing we have done," said Fred Moseley, of the Home Mission Board. Moseley directs the "big cities" program.

Most of the city's 17 Southern Baptist churches will be sponsoring missions this year which should result in three new churches in 1960, and 10 new ones by 1962. The city should have between 35 and 40 churches by 1964, Moseley estimates.

Making the survey of the city with Moseley were Roland Hood, Portland, Ore., superintendent of missions for Baptists of Oregon and Washington; Ray Harris, Seattle superintendent of missions, and Leland Waters of Atlanta, executive assistant of the Home Mission Board.

The recommendations of this group were approved by the Seattle Baptist missions committee. As missions are sponsored on these sites by churches in the city, they will apply to the church loans division of the Home Mission Board for financing.

Sites were picked after consideration of these factors: population in the area, distance from other Baptist churches, size of the site, topography, location as to traffic and price.

Moseley anticipated a mammoth dedication service for this fall for all of the missions when simultaneous services will be held for each location.

-30-

Burhans to Preside
Over Louisville School

LOUISVILLE--(BP)--Rollin S. Burhans, pastor of Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, and moderator of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, has accepted presidency of the new Baptist college in Louisville. Burhans will assume his new post Mar. 7 and move immediately into the first stage of the building program which has already been approved by the trustees.

The contract for the first building, a \$1 million administration building, is expected to be let in the near future. A science building, the second building proposed, might also be under construction before the end of the year.

These buildings will be constructed on the 238-acre site which has already been purchased for the college. The site is on the north side of Shelbyville Road, east of Watterson Expressway, considered one of the most attractive and desirable locations for such a project in the Louisville area.

The campus plan has already been approved by the trustees. Olmstead Brothers, the Massachusetts firm which laid out the campus of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, has drawn up a complete plan for the campus. The plan calls for all the necessary facilities for a large educational institution including a football stadium and other athletic facilities, a president's home, an area for faculty housing, and sites for future buildings not yet decided upon.

Following the construction of the administration building, which will include library facilities, and the science building, plans call for the construction of dormitories for boys and girls.

Burhans indicated that an academic dean will be employed this fall who, along with the president, will begin enlisting a faculty. Plans also call for the pre-enrollment of students for the opening session of the college scheduled in 1961. In an attempt to begin with a select student body, the trustees and the president plan to conduct weekend student retreats, for 150 to 200 young people at the time, through the summer at the Leroy Highbaugh estate across Shelbyville road from the campus.

Highbaugh, one of the large donors to the college, will move from his estate in the next month and leave it, fully furnished, for the use of the college during the next year or so. The ultimate disposition of the Highbaugh home and its relationship to the college is not known at this time.

The Louisville college was first approved by Kentucky Baptists in the 1956 general association sessions at Madisonville. The college was originally planned as a branch of Georgetown College, state Baptist senior college, and was to begin as a junior college.

Subsequently, upon recommendation of the trustees of Georgetown College, the Louisville college was disassociated from Georgetown and since has been planned as a four-year college with an anticipated enrollment after 10 years of up to 2,000 students. Burhans has stressed that he and the trustees plan "a school of depth and quality that will not sacrifice quality for a large enrollment."

Burhans is a native of Missouri and a graduate of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has an earned doctor's degree in the field of sociology.

The new president held student pastorates in Kentucky including Hopewell Baptist Church, Harrodsburg, and Ormsby Ave. Baptist Church in Louisville. He came to the Crescent Hill pastorate from the First Baptist Church, Clarksburg, W. Va., in 1946.

He was serving as moderator of the Long Run Association of Baptists as well as moderator of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky until he resigned the Long Run office last year. He has been active in Southern Baptist circles as well as a leader in the life of Kentucky Baptists.

Religious Education
Workers Plan Session

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Southern Baptist religious education workers from all parts of the nation will be in Miami Beach May 16-17 as the Southern Baptist Religious Education Association convenes for its fifth annual meeting.

"The Gospel and Religious Education" has been chosen to emphasize the 1960 theme in keeping with the Baptist Jubilee Advance. The Baptist Jubilee Advance is centering on teaching and training this year.

Church educational workers, state and Southern Baptist convention denominational field workers, and seminary professors of religious education comprise the association's membership. Findley B. Edge, professor of religious education, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here, is the president.

Sessions of the association begin Monday afternoon, May 16, with discussion centered about "Evangelism and Religious Education." Among session speakers will be J. Leo Garrett, associate professor of theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here, who will discuss "seeking a regenerate church membership," and Leonard Sanderson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lake Charles, La., whose topic is "A Program of Perennial Evangelism for our Churches."

Monday night's meeting will be presided over by S. C. Ray, a vice president of the association and minister of education, First Baptist Church of Greensboro, N. C. Prominent among the speakers is William A. Hull, assistant professor of New Testament interpretation at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, who will speak on "The Study of the Bible in its Historical Setting."

Theme of the Tuesday morning session is "The Christian Life and Religious Education." Foy D. Valentine, newly-elected executive secretary of the Christian Life Commission of Southern Baptists, speaks on "What is the Nature and Meaning of the Christian Life?" and Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., president of Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, Ark., has as his subject "Is Growth in the Christian Life Optional?"

R. Othal Feather, professor of education and administration and director of field work at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex., presides.

James H. Whaley, secretary of Training Union department, General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, Middletown, presides over the final sessions Tuesday afternoon as the discussion centers about denominational developments and religious education.

One of the principal speakers will be Merrill D. Moore of Nashville, stewardship promotion secretary for the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, whose talk will present the 1961 emphasis on stewardship and enlistment..

-30-

Advisory Body Elects
Its Officers For 1960

(3-5-60)

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The Southern Baptist Advisory Council on Work with National Baptists has elected G. Kearnie Keegan of Nashville as chairman for the year succeeding T. B. Maston of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.

Keegan is secretary of student work, Baptist Sunday School Board here.

Rogers M. Smith, administrative assistant, Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, is the Council's new vice-chairman. He is from Richmond, Va.

Mrs. Mildred Dunn, editorial associate with the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention at Memphis, Tenn., remains as secretary.

-30-

Tributes To A. C. Miller
Paid By Agency Group

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Dr. A. C. Miller ended seven years of service with the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention after a banquet the Commission held in his honor.

The Southern Baptist agency leader has retired, but even in retirement will continue to serve Baptists. He will be pastor of a young church at Sedona, Ariz., one of the churches established during Southern Baptists' current 30,000 Movement.

At the banquet the Commission presented Dr. Miller with a cash gift and with fishing equipment with the admonition to catch some trout. There was even a hint some of them might drop in for a trout supper on their way to the Southern Baptist Convention in San Francisco in June, 1962.

A resolution of the Commission cited Dr. Miller for his "outstanding leadership" and said that he "has brought prestige and honor to the Commission and its causes."